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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Joseph Leone, on August 10, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 11:

lines 1 and 2, REPLACE the phrase -- A method of probing, disrupting, or mimicking -- with -- A method of disrupting --

line 4, REPLACE the phrase -- two proteins -- with --two proteins or fragments thereof --

line 7, REPLACE the term -- any -- with -- the --

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 4, 6, 8 and 9 were found to have utility in the Board Decision of August 4, 2010. Accordingly, claim 11 has been rejoined. Amendments to claim 11 have been made to clarify the invention, e.g. antecedent basis, and provide continuity to the method claimed.

Accordingly, claims 4, 6, 8, 9 and 11 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW D. KOSAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0913. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia J. Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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